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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows::

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice and add the following new claims:

A storage-stable sulfonated condensation product based on an amino resin former having at least two amino groups, at lest one of sulfite and naphthalenesulfonic acid; and formaldehyde and, optionally organic nitrogen bases, comprising: at least one nitrogen-containing formulation auxiliary selected from the group consisting of a compound of formula)

 R^1 -NH-X-Y- R^2

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